

pertinent safety issues

- Creating a curriculum to instill discernment in youth when confronted by gangs
- Implementing a communication system for gang activity between agencies

### **Accomplishments**

- The project has educated approximately 2,000 members of the community, including teachers and school staff, fire departments, civic groups, and community watches, about gangs and their activities.
- The Wayne County Sheriff's Office has identified 16 gangs throughout the county and arrested roughly 30 gang members on drug or gun-related charges.
- A task force has yet to be developed. However, an open line of communication amongst agencies within Wayne County and surrounding counties exists.
- The entire detention staff for Wayne County, along with most of the Wayne County employees, has been trained on the identification and safety issues pertaining to gangs.
- A gang curriculum has been incorporated into the C.O.P.E. drug program that is taught in all Wayne County middle schools.